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THE daughter of a wealthy Philadelphian has eloped with a theatrical agent. Is it possible that the modern coachman is to suffer from competition so soon?

THE decided sentiment shown at the meeting held in East Washington last night affords good evidence that the pecple of that part of the city are suffering from railroad encroachments that are un-warrantable. A remedy for the evils complained of should be afforded by our ruling powers.

THE Charleston News and Courier speaks of the recent democratic victory as "an . ent to be remembered for a lifetime." This is true, and there will be no difficulty in remembaring it, for it will be the last event of its kind in this century. Accidents of this character do not happen a second time.

THERE seems to be a general demand for the senate to consider in open session the Spanish treaty. As its provisions were known to the public in advance of its being officially communicated to the senate, there is little reason in closing the doors of that chamber when the distinguished senators discuss it.

We print in another column a graphic but unprejudiced description of the interior of the building in which our city postoffice is now located. No one can read it without a feeling of wonder that congress would suffer the enormous postal usiness of this point to be transacted in a place so filthy, unsafe, and illyadapted to the purpose to which it is

THE senate bill making an appropriation of \$500,000 to promote the colored people's world's expesition, to be held at Chicago next September, ought to pass, There is no question that the exposition will be of great advantage to the colored race. As appropriations have been made for the advancement of expositions heretofore, there is no reason why this should prove an exception.

Ir is no more than a reasonable tribute to great executive ability, indefatigable industry, tact, persuasive powers of a high order, and a practical comprehension of what to attempt and what to avoid in prosecuting a great enterprise, to say that the New Orleans Exposition owes its present commanding importance in a very great degree to its commissioner general, Mr. F. C. Morehead.

WITH each holiday season come the most remarkable achievements of the year in the engraving and printing art, and in the race between the artists of Europe and our own country it is pleasant to see that the product of American talent is in no way inferior to that abroad. The achievement in color printing by L. Prang & Co., of Boston, as shown in their Christmas and New Year cards, is as wonderful as the designs of their artists are beautiful, and in scanning their remarkable reproductions in color of flower and here, at least, perfection has been reached.

THE New York Times intimates John Kelly is breaking down from the mental strain caused by the sleepless activity necessary to the maintenance of his control over Tammany, and the weight of advancing years, Kelly being near 64 years of age. Whether there is any truth in it or not certain it is that the disappearance of Kelly from the arena of New York politics would be one of the sensations of the day that would not speedily be forgotten. Tammany's three great leaders within the last fifteen years-Tweed, Morrissey, and Kelly -have all been men of great determina tion, and traits of character of no common order, but Kelly's reputation is no stained by the taint of corruption that rendered Tweed odious, and his culture puts him on a decidedly different plane from that occupied by either of the other two men. It is not easy to see where another leader would arise capable of holding Tammany's forces in control as Kelly has done for some years past.

THE unsightly condition of those street of our city now occupied by street railways is sufficient to fill any lover of the city's comfort and beauty with dread at the prospect of any additional street-car lines within the city limits. A feeling of antagonism to the horse-car lines has grown up during the last few years by the bad condition of the tracks and the adoption of the T rail, both of which have entailed losses on the owner of every vehicle, amounting in the aggregate to many thousands of dollars. Those capi talists who are now seeking from congress the privilege of cutting up some of our most beautiful streets moke a great mistake when, in asking for the privilege of laying a cable road, with all its advantages, they ask the alternative of using horse-power. In San Francisco and Chicago cable railways have proved financially and mechanically successful. In Philadelphia horse cars are being re pinced by the cable system, and to Washington, with its beautiful thoroughfares, beyond all other cities of the country, the called railway offers relief from the approvants incident to the horse-car system that can be secured in no other way. With a cable railway properly laid, with one track flat and the other track grooved to a depth less than an inch, no street, however beautiful, could be disfigured.

THE opening of the great Exposition at New Orleans on Tuesday next will be marked by ceremonies that will at once signally attest its national importance and the stupendous resources of modern science. Electrical connection will be established between the white house and the great engine that is to furnish the motive force of the Exposition. And then, while thousands are gathered in the spacious buildings in the distant Crescent City, all at once the telegraph will bring to them the President's formal declaration that the World's Industrial and Cotton Contennial Exposition is opened, and negle's mother. They will removed as their applicance cuts the air she

hand of the nation's chief will send the mystic current along the wires that will in an instant start the engine, and through its mighty power set all the myriad forms of machinery in the differ-ent buildings into the great chorus of clangor that will not cease for mouths to come. Many senators, members of congress, and to resentatives of foreign nations will follow the President in sending congratulatory messages from here, and altogether the Washington portion of the opening ceremonies promises to be of a un que and memorable character.

Nullification More Effective Than Secession.

A careful study of Mr. Chalmers's bill to restore a republican form of government in the state of Misassippi shows it to be a well-considered proposition and one that presents clearly the greatest political issues now before us. The preamble recites the fact that the election machinery is not only entirely in the hands of the democratic party, but that the opposition is denied any voice in the selection of those who hold the elecenough upon its face, requiring that the officers of election shall not be all of the same political party; but the democrats select such republicans as they choose, and wherever frauds are intended they select either an ignoramus who cannot read or write or a venal tool hired to assist in their democratic frauds. At some boxes the inspector who receives the ballot from a negro changes it with slight-of-hand dexterity while another looks for the name of the voter on the registration book, but the most usual plan is to stuff the box during an adjournment. The law requires in case of an adjournment that one inspector shall take the box and another the key. A democrat takes the box to dinner or supper, while the republican, usually negro, takes the key, and he is not per-mitted to go into the house with the ballot-box, to which the democrat has a duplicate key, and while the democrats stuff themselves they also stuff the box with democratic tickets. When the opposition ask leave to name the inspector who are to represent them the democrats laugh at them, and when a bill is introduced into congress asking simply for fair representation at the election the democrats receive it with derisive laughter.

Is there no remedy? Is this government powerless to secure a fair election of its own representatives and senators? That is the great issue of the near future The United States law provides that the supervisors of election shall witness all the proceedings during the election, but these officers were treated with contempt and the ballet boxes taken from their sight to dinner and to supper in violation of law and against the protests of the supervisors at every precinct in Mississippi where fraud was contemplated, except a few where the personal character and courage of the supervisors made it dangerous to do so. The United States officers were defled and the United States laws nullified, thus proving that nullification is more effective than secession. The rebel who failed to destroy the government by secession has returned to strangle it by nullification. The confederate who surrendered the lion's skin at Appomattox, clothed in the skin of the crafty fox sits to-day in triumph in the nation's capitol upon the votes stolen from southern republican voters. And while Mr. Follett is en devoring to create prejudices against what is called, in democratic parlance "federal interference in the states," Mr Chalmers presents the question squarely whether the states shall be permitted to nullify the laws of congress, and whether a ballot-stuffing minority shall establish an oligarchy instead of a free republican government founded on the fairly expressed will of the majority. The gentle man from Mississippi no doubt feels sorely the evil effects of this oligarchy in foliage one cannot help thinking that the state, but its effects extend to the

> Logan in the union of states. THE committee on elections of the iouse reported on the 5th day of July that Mr. Craig was entitled to the seat held by Mr. Shelley. So overwhelming was the proof that the latter had taken the seat upon a certificate based on monstrous frauds that eight of the nine demo crats on the committee were forced to vote in favor of seating Mr. Craig. Yet Mr. Shelley has, over since the report was made, continued to occupy a place to which he has no right whatever, and has continued to draw the salary that belongs to another man. A house that permits such a wrong to go unrighted shows : strauge indifference to its own dignity and privileges, to say nothing of the vilation of honesty involved. Mr. Craig's politics may not be pleasing to the maority, but that is no reason for longer seeping him from that which is his own. Mr. Shelley, by the decision of the elections committee, has no more right to the seat he occupies than a Sloux Indian, and it is hard to see why a body that proesses to be so jealous of its privileges continues to permit an outsider to take part in its deliberations.

Mississippi, Craig in Alabama, and Hunt

in Louisiana counted out Blaine and

MRS. VICTORIA SCHELLING-HUELS EAMP obviously understands the advantages of good advertising to an actress or singer, and does not propose to be lost to the public gaze for the want of it. She has just brought suit against the Mail and Express for damages for libel in publishing an interview with her late manager, Mordaunt, and is about to cause Mor daunt's arrest on a charge of criminal libel. She has also sued the Hanover National bank for money that was on do posit to her credit when she ran away with Ernest, but which the paterns Morosini induced the bank to withhold from her. For a new accession to the stage she may be said to be doing quite

ABOUT PEOPLE.

REV. A. D. MAYO, of Boston, is to preach at DR. JAMES McCostt, president of Princeto college, is expected to be present at the Alumi banquet in this city on the 19th instant.

Miss Josephine Culheatson, of Indianapo is, Ind., the new soprano of the Fourth Pres byterian church, possesses a voice of excellent compass, and is said to have no mean talent

WILLIAM W. RANDALL, of New York, and wile are registered at the Metropolitan hotel. Mr. Randall comes in the interests of the Madison Square theater "Private Secretary" company, which appear at the National theater turing Christmas week, commencing Monday,

LIEUT, GRORGE K. McGONNEGLE, 15th United tates infantry, arrived here Wednesday from El Paso, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. McGonnegle are visiting Gen. and Mrs. Marcus A. Reno at No SEE Parcet, the latter being Mr. McGo negle's mother. They will remain about

CURRENT COMMENT.

Forecasting an American Triumph. Regarding the Chicago Mr. Chandler is justified in pointing to the unprecedented run of the Louisiana, of the Cromwell line, from wharf to wharf between New York and New Orleans in five days and fifteen hours as a triumph of beam engines and externally-fired boilers with brick furnaces. It will be recalled that the Louisian Engineer recently insisted that whenever the fires were urged under boilers like the Chicago's there would be a furious priming. "To go to sea," it said, "with such boilers is simply to court destruction." Yet the fire-brick furnaces in the Louisiana, although originally a makesbift, have now lasted two or three years and given wonderful performances. Possibly, therefore, we may have in the Forecasting an American Triumah. ossibly, therefore, we may have in the Chicago another great American triumph in marine engines and boilers against gloomy forecast, like the old American riumphs of 1862 in revolving turrets, low freeboard, and big guns.—New York

Not Slander, but Frozen Truth. Not Stander, but Frozen Truth.

The Atlanta Constitution has recently declared that "white domination" is absolutely essential to the south, and whatever methods are necessary to secure its continuance will be resorted to. This tells the whole story, and so long as a bourbon minority stands with its feet upon the neck of a republican majority the south will continue to feel the effects of its foily and its wrong-doing. It is not slanders that hurt the south, but a knowledge of the frozen truth.—Pilleburg Commercial Ga-

What Constitutes a Republican, What constitutes a Republican? Fidelity to the purposes of the party, is it not? Fidelity first of all, and most of all, to its principles; then, necessarily, fidelity to its efforts in behalf of its principles. The man is not and cannot be a republican who does not believe with the republican party, who does not seek the same ends in government. And, necessarily, the man puts himself outside the pale of the party who opposes the efforts which the party who opposes the efforts which the party makes to secure the success of

Hatching Chickens Early. A prohibitory paper looks for success in 1888 because Lincoln was elected only four years after Fremont was defeated. But when Fremont was beaten, he got 1.341,000 votes, or about one-third of the whole. St. John got less than 150,000, or perhaps one-sixty-sixth of the whole. Fromont got considerably more than a third of the electoral votes, and St. John did not get any.—Boston Herald.

A Clean Sweep Demanded.

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The civil service nonsense has gone about as far as there is any need. The understanding has been that when the democrats came into power there would be a general cleaning out in the civil service. It was understood that the change should be thorough and complete. It ought to be. Democratic rule will not be for long if it is not.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Interesting to Harvard Freshmen. "You see," said the boss barber, "when a man is shaved all the time by a right-handed barber the beard is pushed over toward the right, and when it grows out it looks like a lop-sided map. The left-handed barber counteracts this tendency, and the roots are directed in the way they should go. A left-handed barber is a new wrinkle, but he is a good thing to have in the house."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Will men who figured in a notorious attempt to purchase electoral votes eight years ago be appointed to Cleveland's cabinet? We think not.—New York Times.

When the Brand of fraud is inquired for, it should be remembered that his postoffice address is Chicago, -Milwaukee Sentinel.

AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Minnie Palmer, although still suffering cutely from the complaint which forced her actively from the complaint which forced her to keep to her hotel for two days, reappeared. Tina at Ford's last night to the evident de-light of a large audience. A physician was in attendance behind the scenes, and few of hor auditors suspected that the artiste who danced and sang so charmingly was all the while suffering excruciating pains. The little lady may be seen at a matinee this afternoon and for the last time this account. for the last time this evening. "Rip Van Winkle" will be given by Jeffer

son and his company at the National theater this afternoon and evening, "Off to Egypt" should be seen at Albaugh's

whole nation. The same ballot-box stuffers who counted out Chalmers in Mississippi Crair in Alabarra and Hunt ment closes this evening COMING EVENTS.

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There will undoubtedly be a large sudi-nec at the National theater to-morrow night o hear Col. Robert G. Ingersoll. His lecture on "Orthodoxy" has never been delivered here and it is said to be one of the greatest products of his genius. He is in his prime as an orator, and comes fresh as a datsy from his summer tour to the Pacific coast and his recent rest at his New Mexican ranch.

"The Pavements of Paris," the dramati speciacie to be presented at the National theater next week, is an adaptation from the French of Belot and D'Eunery in a prologue or the great and D amery in a protogue and four acts, with fine scenery from the bush of H. E. Hoyt. An enthusiastic, but alliterative, critic describes the play as follows: "It is a microscopic insight into the every-day life of the great Vanity Fair of France, the gayest, the wildest, the most varied city on the face of the earth. That which pictorial art in the wonderful panorama has done for the slege of that city, this melodrama has accomplished or the stage, in a life-likefpicture of its salone and slums, its drawing rooms, and its dives, its peers and its paupers, its virtues and its vices, its glory and its shame." The company in-cludes Harold Forsberg, Byron Douglass, Felix Morris, Adelaide Cheril, Emily Banker, and Dora Stuart. The whole is under the capable nanagement of Mr. John Rickaby, whose name is a guarantee of excellence.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett's company this season

s, in the main, identical with that which sur orted him when last here, including that ad-nirable actor Louis James, F. C. Mosley, S. E. pringer, Albert Riddle, Miss Marie Waineright, and Miss Minnie Monk. The week will open at Albaugh's with a performance of "Hamlet." The advance sale bys beel large. The advance sale of sents for "The Secretary" at Ford's next week is already lively, and the indications are that Mr. Gillette wil have a fine week's business. The play is said to afford Mr. Gillette an excellent field for the display of these peculiar qualities which made his impersonation of the "Professor" such a smorable success. He has about him a care uily-selected company, and "The Secretary" vill, no doubt, prove a most agreeable enter

Mr. Robert M. Dobbins, the comedian and ocalist, will give three entertainments at Willard hall the first three evenings of next week, supported by a number of capable ladies and gentlemen.

DEPARTMENT NOTES.

The postoffice department has authorized the postmaster at New Orleans to advertise for proposals for special mail facilities between the New Orleans postoffice and the mail station to be opened at the Exposition.

The comptroller of the currency has ex-ended the corporate existence of the follow-ing named banks to Dec. 15, 1904; The Na-ional Grand bank of Marblehead, Mass, the fillers' Rivers National bank of Athol, Mas-ind the Newton National bank of Newton, days.

Mass.

Mr. Morgan, the United States minister at the City of Mexico, has transmitted to the department of state a decree of the president of Mexico, of the 28th of November last, amending article 124 of the federal constitution and abolishing from Dec. 1, 1886, at the latest, the excise and interior custom houses in the federal district and federal territories and in the states which have not already abolished them.

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Arrangements have been made at the navy department for an expedition to survey the proposed route of the Nicaragus canal. The expedition will be under the command of Civil Engineer A. U. Menocal, who has before been on similar duty, and he will be assisted by Civil Engineer Robert E. Peary and Ensign W. I. Chambers. The latter officer was a member of the Greely expedition, and commanded the Lock Garry. The members of the expedition are to start for Panama on the 20th instant, and from thesee they will proceed to Nicaragua. The details of the expedition are to yet known.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

Interesting Gossip as to the Movements of Persons Prominent in Sorial Circles.

Contributions for the social column will be received up to Friday offermon of each week.)
The President, while estensibly riving at his cottage at the Soldiers' home, spends quite as much of his time at the white onse, and has remained in the city several nights during each of these last weeks. He will move in from the country very soon now, and the white house has and the most thorough cleaning and furbishing up this fail in view of the change of tenants so early in the spring. President Arthur has made so many changes and improvements in the interior of the mansion that there is little left for his successor to do, unless the party of economy appropriate enough money for freecoing the dingy entrance hall of the house and properly finishing it off with a monumental chimney pices, wainscoating, carved bouches, &c. That great, hare vestibule is an offense and wonder to many sightsecra, who consider it altogether unworthy of the rest of the mansion, and are surprised that it has been overlooked in all the schemes of improvement and art decoration. art decoration.

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Mrs. Frelinghuysen and her daughters held their usual reception on Wednesday afternoon, and their callers were as many as on either of the preceding weeks. Miss Frelinghuysen, whose lameness prevented her from attending the hospital fair on Tuesday evening, presided at the tea table as usual and held court behind her silver urn. Miss Lucy Frelinghuysen assisted her mother in greeting the visitors, and during the later hours of the afternoon the rooms were crowded. Mrs. Frelinghuysen is in mourning for her brother, Mr. Griswold, who died in Dresden last spring.

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Mrs. and Miss McCulloch had many callers on Wednesday afternoon, and many inquiries were made for Mrs. Yale, formerly Miss Louise McCulloch, who was married at their country home last June.

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formerly Miss Louise McCulloch, who was married at their country home last June. Mrs. Yale is now living near Sparkill, one of the beautiful little towns on the west shore of the Hudson river, and will visit her parents here during the winter. Mr. Yale is the son of the inventor of the Yale locks, and is himself a broker in New York.

Mrs. Lincoln is in deep mourning for her mother, and will not take any part in society this winter. Mrs. Harlan's protracted illness had prepared her friends in a measure for the news of her death last August, and, though she bore it with the greatest fortitude, her suffering was so great for the last year of her life that death came as a kind friend. She insisted that Mrs. Lincoln should open her house and bear her part in society last winter, although the added burden and anxiety made it doubly hard. Two years ago, the winter following the death of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, her absence from society was much felt and deplored, and it is greatly regrected that death in her family has again withdrawn Mrs. Lincoln from the rabiust circle.

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Mrs. Chandler had a large reception on Wednesday afternoon, and, with the as-sistance of Mrs. Frye and other ladies, pleasantly entertained her callers. Many

pleasantly entertained her callers. Many inquiries were made for Mrs. Kinsley, who adds so much to the attractions of Mrs. Chandler's entertainments.

Gen. and Mrs. Beale expect to be joined by their daughter and her husband, Mr. John McLean, jr., to-day and to keep them for a long holiday visit. Mrs. Beale, who is being treated by a Philadelphia oculist, has received great benefit from him and is now able to dispense with dark glasses and bear moderate light. They hope to have a visit from their daughter, Mme. Bakmetioff, in the spring.

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Ex-Representative and Mrs. Page have returned from a visit to California, and are again occupying their quarters on Lafayette square.

Mrs. Ingersoll and her daughters returned to the city a fortnight ago after a long asumer trip in the west and a delightful stay at their ranch, near Springer station, N. M. Their tour included the Yellowstone park and Puget sound and the overland trip from Portland to San Francisco along the slopes of the Sierras, Gol. Ingersoll lectured along all of that route and finishes his tour for this season by lecturing here to-morrow night. He has named his place in New Mexico "Maudera"—a combination of the first names of his daughters.

The members of the Chorus class of last winter are busily rehearsing the opera of "Paul and Virginia," under the leadership of Miss Nogueiras, and will produce it for the benefit of a charity about the middle of January. Mr. Tom Karl will take the leading tenor part, and Miss Nogueiras will be the Virginia.

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Miss Morgan, Miss McCulloch, Miss Rock-well, and Miss Edgar are among those most frequently seen on horseback on the roads about the city.

Mr. Manning Logan was one of the fortunate ones at the Garfield hospital fair on Tuesday evening and drew a handsome lace handkerchief and a paint-ing that was donated to the fair by Mrs. Jocelyn. Unfortunately the fair did not realize as much as had been expected, and the profits were less than \$300.

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Mrs, Angus Cameron returned to her home here in November, but will not receive on Mondays until January.

When Hon. R. C. Winthrop comes here in February to deliver the address at the dedication of the Washington monument, he will be the guest of Mrs. Sanders Irving on H street.

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Dinners and entertainments in honor of the officers composing the Swaim court martial are still the rule, and their stay is made agreeable by constant attentions from their friends.

Mrs. Ogle Tayloe's house, on Lafayette square, is being dismantled and stripped of its treasures. The choicest of the paintings and ceramics were given to the Corcoran gallery, and the library, antique furniture, and all the belongings are being rapidly scattered. are being rapidly scattered.
Senator and Mrs. Sabin are occupying

Senator and Mrs. Sabin are occupying their house on M street, near Thomas circle, for a second winter.

Senator and Mrs. Dolph have taken Mr. Fisher's house, No. 1340 Vermont avenue, Lowa Circle. Mrs. Dolph has her niece, Miss Odencal, with her for another season, and Miss Agnes Dolph, who is attending Mrs. Reed's school in New York city, will spend the holidays with her parents. During that time Mrs. Dolph will have as her greats Justice and Mrs. Deady, of Portland, who have received many social attentions during former visits to the capital.

Representative Holman has his wife and Representative from an as his wire and daughters with him at the Hamilton house for the season.

Senator and Mrs. Cockrell have taken the house No. 1310 Nineteenth street for the winter. They have a new daughter to introduce to their friends, and this

baby is the sixth in their group of little

Senator and Mrs. Wilson have their daughter and their youngest son with them this winter, and are occupying the ame quarters on Thirteenth street, as last There was a large and handsome dinner

There was a large and handsome dinner party given by Gen. Beale last Sunday to Mr. Blaine, to which only the particular friends of the latter were invited.

Much to the regret of her friends the wife of Senator Jones, of Nevada, will not accompany him to Washington this winter. Mrs. Jones and her children are at the Palace hotel in San Francisco, and are comfortably settled for a long stay.

The wife of Senator Sawyer is in better health than when she left here in May, but will not be able to take any part in seciety this winter. Mrs. Howard White and her infant son came from Oshkosh

sacioty this winter. Mrs. Howard White and her infant son came from Oshkosh with Mrs. Sawyer, and will soon be joined by Mr. White. Later in the season Mrs. Sawyer's younger daughter. Mrs. Goodman, will come from Chicage with her infant son and make her parents a visit. Mr. and Mrs. James Blair, of St. Louis, are visiting Col. and Mrs. C. M. Alexander, the parents of Mrs. Blair. They bring with them their young son, and will remain through the holidays.

Representative and Mrs. Cusaldy have taken apartment at Welcker's new hotel for the winter.

the Riggs house in a few days by Mrs. Burchard, who has lingered in the west later than usual. Sonator and Mrs. Manderson are again

Senator and Mrs. Manderson are again occupying their apartment at the Portland. Mrs. Manderson made a visit to friends in New York before coming here and has her mother, Mrs. Brown, with her for another season.

Mrs. and Miss Dawes will not come to Washington until after the helidays, and Mrs. Hoar is postponing her arrival until the same time.

Mrs. Stewart has quite a family with her in her castle on Dupont circle. Her daughter, Mrs. Fox, with four children, and Mrs. Hooker nee Miss Ressie Stewart, with two children, make quite a group, and Mrs. Stewart's sister, Mrs. Woods, completes the family circle.

Ex-Secretary and Mrs. Windom having leased their house to Mr. Blaine have taken rooms at Mrs. Rives's new boarding house, No. 1408 H street, for the winter. Mr. Windom will be in Mexico during a part of the season looking after his railroad interests on the west coast.

Marshai and Mrs. McMichael have taken a house on Farragut square for the season. Mrs. McMichael, who has been going back and forth from here to Philadelphia and New York this month. will going back and forth from here to Phila-delphia and New York this month, will not observe any reception day until Jan-

Mr. S. L. M. Barlow and his family, of New York and Newport, will spend the winter at Wormley's, and a larger con-tingent than usual of New York society ple will add to the pleasures of the

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Senator Ingalls is not accompanied by his family at this time, but it is probable that Mrs. Ingalls will come on for a visit of several weeks after January has begun.

Mrs. Hawley and her sister, Miss Foote, returned to their usual winter home on C street a fortnight since, but will not receive on Thursday afternoons until

California, have taken apartments at the Hamilton house for the winter. Mrs. Glascock's sister, Miss Wall, is not with them this season.

Mrs. Leiter and her sister, Mrs. Rem-

ington, were at home to callers on Tues-day afternoon, and their many friends came in numbers to pay their first greet-ings of the season. The low tea table was a center for the groups, and the hostess was surrounded during the afternoon

heurs.

Mrs. Sherrill is in mourning for her mother, who died in New York a few months since, and will not be able to take her place in society this winter on this

Miss fachel Sherman, who is a promised guest to Mrs. John Sherman and Mrs. Cameron for the season, will arrive here after the holidays and remain until

spring.
Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Jocelyn have taken rooms at 516 Fifteenth street for the winter. Mrs. Jocelyn will keep Wednesday as her reception day.
Miss Aldis gave a lunch party to young ladies at her new home on Massachusetts aronne vesterlar.

venue yesterday. Senator and Mrs. Palmer have taken Senator and Mrs. Palmer have taken the house, No. 1705 N street, for this session of congress, pending the completion of their beautiful brown stone residence on MacPherson square. Mrs. Palmer has gene to Detroit for a short visit, but after the holidays will resume her Thursday afternoon receptions.

Mrs. Stauley Matthews, whose illness has been such a source of anxiety to her family and friends, has experienced a slight improvement in her condition during the past week.

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Mrs. Pendleton and her daughters have begun their series of weekly evening receptions, and an initial company gathered in their parlors on Monday evening.

Gen, and Mrs. McClellan and their daughter will spend the winterat Wormley's, and will come from their home, on Orange Mountain, New Jersey, immediately after New Year's.

Minister Foster and his family are again occupying their pleasant home on I street, which, during their absence in Spain, was leased by Postmater Ganaral Gresham. Mrs. Foster's last entertainment here was the brilliant ten given to Gen, and Mrs. Diaz and their party of distinguished Mexicans. Both of the Misses Foster are now in society and will be welcome additions to the ranks of the gay young people this season.

Representative Thomas, of Illinois, was married during the last week of November, and brought his bride on here at the opening of congress. As his re-election insures his residence in Washington for three more winters Representative

even her present large pariors will be as crowded as her old rooms on Twelfth street when the winter people are all here. If it were possible, she is even more popular than ever, and the spirit with which ular than ever, and the spirit with which she has borne the political reverses of her husband has endeared her the more to her friends and admirers. Their daughter, Mrs. Tucker, will spend the greater part of the winter with Senator and Mrs.

Logan. The death of little Alexis Saigo Wednesday morning was particularly sad, and has cast a gloom over the house of the Russian minister. He was a remarkably clever little fellow and dearly beloved by the De Struve family. His uncle, Gen. Oyama, who arrived a few days before the little Saigo's death, had with him his family physician, and during his last hours the little sufferer was surrounded by his own country people and his dearest friends. As the Russian chapel in New York has lately been closed there est friends. As the Russian chapel in New York has lately been closed there was no priest of the Greek church nearer than San Francisco, and Dr. Leonard was accordingly chosen to result the Episcopal service over the remains of a Japanese noble who died a member of the Greek church.

Mme. Yturbide and her son have returned from a summer visit to their home in Mexico, making the trip by rail for the first time. Upon the completion of Mr. Augustin Yturbido's law studies they will make their permanent home in the City of Mexico. Senator Miller's family have returned

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Prof. and Mrs. Hoffman have returned from a long summer trip on the Pacific coast, and during his absence Prof. Hoffman made careful studies among the aborigines of the coast from the Mexican to the British boundaries.

Lieut. and Mrs. Hemphill, who were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Hudson upon their arrival, have taken an apartment at the Portland for the winter.

Miss Baker, of Boston, is at present the guest of Commedore de Kraft's family, on I street.

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The marriage of Mr. Frank B. Hobbs and Miss Flora Walker was solemnized Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, at St. Dominic's church, Miss Jennie Gettings acting as bridesmaid and Mr. William Hobbs, a brother of the groom, as groomsman. After the ceremony the party repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, 807 Seventh street southwest, where a recention to their friends was I street.

where a reception to their friends was held. The presents were numerous and eostly. A Novel Enterprise.

Several English capitalists, it is rumored, have recently taken out letters of incorporation in this country for a "Blighted Affections Insurance company," with limited liabilities. The object, our informant states, is to guarantee the affections of lovers, or, in cases of brighting, to offer suitable pecuniary compensation. Its advantages are manifold. Pecuniary compensation is grateful to a wounder

Infant son and make her parents a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Blair, of St. Louis, are visiting Col. and Mrs. C. M. Alexander, the parents of Mrs. Blair. They bring with them their young son, and will remain through the holidays.

Representative and Mrs. Cassidy have taken apartment at Welcker's new hotel for the winter.

The director of the mint returned from his visit to his home at Freepert, III., some weeks ago, and will be joined at land the scenrity undoubted.

IS IT A CLAUDE LORRAINE? Artist Gibson's Reasons for Thinking

He Has Found a Priceless Picture. Mr. W. H. Gibson, the artist, of 132 Lincoln place, Brooklyn, is convinced that the begrimed, cobwebbed old picture he found two works ago yesterday in the lumber loft of his old homestead at Sandy Hook, Conn., is a genuine Claude Lorraine. He has moved from his studio in Fourteenth street, New York, to another at 177 Montague street, Brooklyn, and he went up to Sandy Hook to select from the antiquated furniture which had accumulated in the loft of the old house during lated in the loft of the old house during the many generations his family has lived in it something quaint and curious to put into his new workshop. By accident the dirty little picture frame caught his eye, and he turned it over gingorly and fell to rubbing its smutty face. The dim outline of a portion of a tree appeared through the spot he had partly cleaned, and he became interested and took the disreputable little outcast away with him for future lavestigation.

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"I saw," he said, "that it was very ancient, and as I believed it the work of
some old chap long since faded to dust
and oblivion, I thought I would do him
the courtesy of seeing what he had been
painting about. I took it to the city
with me and cleaned away at it at times
when I had leisure. It became a most
fascinating task at last to see the poor
old waif's features look out at me one by
one as its face was scoured, and I spent
many hours at the work. I went to my
mother and asked her if she remembered
such a picture. My father had had a
number of rather good pictures—several
copies of old masters and one genuine
Poussin

"My mother at first could not recall any
such picture as I described, but after a

such picture as I described, but after a time she remembered it quite distinctly from the circumstances which surrounded its coming into our possession. Your father, she said, 'got it away back in 1854 or 1855. He took it through some commercial transaction from a Boston gentleman named Edward Sohier. I remember quite well that he told me he had so cured a renuine old master. But when it our quite weil that he told me he had see-cured a genuine old master. But when it came it was in such a wretched condition, and seemed so insignificant, that I would not hang it with our other pictures. I doubted its genuincuess, It became gradually a more and more abandoned tramp about the house, and finally it drifted to the furniture cometery in the loft.'

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The Old Homestead. gaze on my old ruined homestead to-day. Through the tears of a wild, vanished yout I see the broad porches gone down to deca Where my mother instilled every truth.

The chimney has crumbled away in the blast, And the rafters have all tumbled down The hearthstone brings back all the joys of

the past,
As the clouds in the west darkly frown. The spring at the foot of the hill has gone dry, And the apple and plum trees have fied; stand in the gloom as the winds deeply sigh, And weep o'er the graves of the dead. Here my mother and father sleep side by side

In a nock on the top of the hill; Where my heart was as light as the foam the tide. When I sauntered about the old mill-

That stond on the edge of the creek down the lane, Where it rumbled its musical flow; But, alas! I shall never play there again As I played in the sweet long ago.

The woodpecker drums o'er my head on the And the gray squirrel chatters his tune But where are the schoolmates whose laugh and whose joke Thrilled my heart in the play spell at noon]

Some are gone "o'er the ranges" to sleep in the Like myself, some have wandered afar-

Blown about like a leaf in a withering gale, Or attuned like a broken guntar. Through the last rays of sunset I sadly behold

The old ruined home of my youth, Where the jessamine clambered in colors of

gold.

And the voices I heard spoke the truth. Farewell to the scenes and the friends that I

knew
In the morning of life bright and fair—
My boart shall forever commingto with you,
And my spirit shall always be there!

A Lesson for Wives.

"Florence, you surely will not go?" The pretty little blonds lifted a pair of

saucy, blue eyes to the face of the man at her side. "Why do you object to my going to

her side.

"Why do you object to my going to Mrs. Houston's ball, Robert? I thought you were proud of my social success and liked your wife to be a reigning belle."

Robert Darrow looked grave.

"It is because I cannot attend you to this ball, my dear," he returned, for important business calls me out of town—business so urg-int that I will not spoil your anticipated pleasure by explaining it to you. And you are so determined to go that you are willing to accept the escort of your consin, Ralph, whom you know to be a notorious firt and "lady killer." Florence, I wish you would give it up."

She powted her pretty red lips,

"Do be reasonable, Rob," she cried; "I have my dresses all prepayed, and there will be nothing prottler at Mrs. Houston's to-night. As for cousin Ralph, be is a gentleman; you need not be afraid to trust me to his care. It is not so terrible a thing, after all. Our own carriage will convey cousin Ralph and myself to Mrs. Houston's house, only three or four blocks away, and I shall not remain late. Therefore, on the whole, dear, I think you ought to make no objections."

He stooped and kissed the pretty face with a stifled sign of disappointment.

"Very well, my darling," he returned, gently, "I will not stand in the way of your happiness. Go, Florence, if you wish, "and enjoy yourself,"

But there was a troubled expression upon Robert Darrow's handsome face, and his week shid a grave look in their depths as he turned away. Somehow the heart of the gay, young wife smote her a little.

"I wonder what is the matter," she exclaimed, when he had loft the room; "Robert's not like himself anymore. I wonder what troubles him? He is too proud and reserved too tell me, but he has something on his mind, I am sure of it."

She leaned her head back among the cushions of her easy chair and closed her

of it."

She leaned her head back among the cushions of her easy chair and closed her eyes wearily; she had been busy all day, shopping and making ready for this wonderful ball, and was quite fittinged. She did not hear her husband's light steps when he entered the room, all ready for his journey, which was into a neighboring city. He stooped and kissed the pretty, childish face.

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"I will not wake her," he said to himself. "Poor little darling, how she will suffer when she knows all the bitter truth! I will keep it from her as long as I can."

am not going to the ball."

Then, checking the girl's astenished look, she added:

"Tell Saunders to bring the carriage round. I want to go to the depot to see Mr. Darraw before he leaves. See, there is half an hour to train time!"

The conclumn brought the carriage.

The coachman brought the carriage, while Florence tied on a hat, and in fifteen minutes she was at the depot, where she found her husband just purchasing

his ticket.
She drew him aside, and the story was quickly told. His face grew bright with

Joy.

"Your dream is partly true, Florence,"
he returned, "I did not wish you to know
the danger my business is in, my darling,
but I have a hope of tiding it over, and
since I find my little wife so ready to assist me, I am sure I shall succeed."
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The train came steaming in, he kissed her good-by and took his departure.

Florence remained at home that night, and practiced a new song for Robert; she felt as though a heavy load had been lifted from her heart, and determined never to give the world cause to say, in reality, what her dream had revealed to her.

her. Robert Darrow returned in a day or Robert Darrow returned in a day or two with great hopes for the future in his heart. The danger was indeed tided over, and soon brighter days dawned for the young man. And from that day they turned over a new leaf. Florence willingly retrenched her ex-penses, and did all in her power to be a help-meet to her husband.

help-meet to her husband. In consequence they ultimately be-came very wealthy, and certainly very much happier than when society had been the chief aim of the young wife's

Florence Darrow never forget her dream, and the lesson which it had taught

The electoral vote of California was received by the president of the senate Thursday after-noon. The Golden state was the last to for-ward her returns. The ballots were encased in a lauge covedore bearing the seal of Cali-fornia and the agantures of the eight electors on the outside. The roll of states is now com-plete.